

A meeting of the Fowey Rivers Association
was held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at Lostwithiel Social Club

Present

Dr Bill Smith (Chairman)	Ivan Lyne (BAA)
Chris Bryant (LDAC)	John Tisdale (Treverbyn)
Roger Furniss (Glynn)	Jon Evans (Secretary)
Paul Jordan (Treasurer)	

Apologies

Matt L'Estrange (Lanhydrock)	Giles Rickard (WRT)
David White (LDAC)	Rob Williams (LDAC)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2016

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 19th October 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters arising

1. Riverfly. In Giles' absence, the Chairman agreed to email him for information.

3. Accounts to December 2016

The Treasurer introduced his report on the position to December 2016.

1. Hatchery. The hatchery payments were ring fenced and currently £600 underspent. The cashflow issue with SWW was now resolved and funds had been received to cover payments to the end of March 2017. The budget apportionment, originally determined by Roger Furniss in the application to SWW, had been revised in September 2016 with the hatchery manager. The monitoring payments were accruing in the budget and would be spent in 2017. It was agreed that WRT should be asked to include six St Neot sites in the next work schedule.
2. FRA accounts. The OPEX and CAPEX loans from the Association to the Company had all been repaid except for the last £1,000. There are sufficient funds to purchase Treworrey when required although the working capital will still need to be enhanced by the funds in SWW accounts for disbursement via FFRG, and the pledges from LDAC and RAL. This will bring the total assets to £36,000 before commitments to Treworrey and other non-fishing related expenditure (Insurance, auditors, SWRA etc). There will be a further £5,000 to be funded by SWW in April. The committee was asked to note the possibility that the funding from SWW might in the future be withdrawn, given the fact that the hatchery was being directly funded by SWW.

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The accounts were noted and the Treasurer was thanked for the clarity of his

presentation.

4. **Hatchery report**

The hatchery report had been circulated and the Chairman said that he was pleased that the hatchery had been so successful. There were 38,500 eggs laid down and an excellent team of volunteers looking after them. Egg mortality was very low, probably on account of the chiller unit on the circulating egg tray water.

It was agreed that Richard and his team of volunteers should be thanked for their sterling efforts.

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5. **AGM**

It was noted that the AGM had been confirmed for 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 19th April at Boconnoc. Paul agreed to buy the pasties and Bill the beer.

Ian McCarthy had been approached as keynote speaker but had not been able to be contacted. Roger Furniss agreed to ask David Chapman from WRT to talk about Water for Growth, the latest WRT £1.3m project on the Camel and Fowey.

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It was confirmed that the officers were all willing to stand again and the decision about replacement of non attending committee members was deferred.

6. **SWRA meetings**

The Chairman reported on the SWRA meeting held the previous day.

1. Since Roger Furniss had announced his retirement, a number of individual Council members had agreed to undertake lead roles. Alternative administrative/secretarial services had been arranged by the appointment of Viv Daly on a part time basis.
2. Voluntary Bailiff Scheme. It had been noted that the Fowey would not be participating in the scheme because there were higher priorities for local volunteering.
3. Bruce had reported that WRT had obtained a very large new grant "Water for Growth which had three components 1) Removal of barriers to upstream movement, 2) Conservation measures such as gravel refurbishment and coppicing and 3) Angling passports. He had also reported the intention to use six interns which should reduce the cost of other work such as Fry surveys.
4. Netting. The Devon Somerset IFCA members had succumbed to pressure from the commercial fishermen and rejected the officers' proposals. This would be revisited at the March IFCA meeting when it was expected that

the proposed byelaw would be agreed before being sent to the MMO. The Cornwall IFCA byelaw had been passed but included a new ebb netting plan. The EA would be appealing the decision but there was a risk that the benefits of stopping all other estuary netting might be compromised by the appeal.

5. River reports. Most rivers in the South West had reported that the salmon run seemed to be coming earlier in the year. The poor salmon catches were worrying but the poor sea trout catches were probably due to cyclical patterns.

7. **Treverbyn**

Paul reported that there had not been any movement with the Treverbyn purchase.

River reports

As for other SW rivers, the salmon run seemed to be coming earlier in the year.

8. **Next meetings**

It was agreed to move the committee meetings to the fourth Wednesday each quarter. The revised programme is shown below.

AGM	19 th April 2017
Committee	26th July 2017
Committee	25 th October 2017
Committee	24 th January 2018

It was aged that those organisations, one or more of whose representatives neither attended nor sent apologies (RFC, LDAC, and Newbridge) should be asked to consider new nominations.

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